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### ANOTHER PHASE.

Mr. Caleb Maule, in St. Louis, Makes a Statement Respecting the Smith Matrimonial Difficulties.

He Says Mrs. Dan F. Smith is Innocent, Represents Her as a Martyr, and Defends Her Conduct.

The item in the *Litiner* respecting Mrs. Dan F. Smith's effort to recover possession of the Smith homestead by aving her way to it, reprinted in the *St. Louis Evening Chronicle*, has led to the appearance in print of Mr. Caleb Maule, her father, who is now in St. Louis. He is working there at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight depot, having exhausted all his means, and is contriving to save sufficient money to return to San Antonio and defend his daughter. He was interviewed by a *Chronicle* reporter and made the following statement:

"My daughter and Mr. Smith were married some fourteen years ago, and for a time lived happily. Five or six years ago Smith purchased three lots in San Antonio, and on one the residence now in possession of Mrs. Smith was built. The details for this were made over directly to her. Subsequently Smith wanted her to deed the property back to him. She refused, and their trouble began. Smith made life so uncomfortable for his wife that she could not stay at home, and finally she left on February 5, leaving a note informing him that she was going where her life would be happier. Smith made no attempt to get her back, but on the contrary, appears to have used every means to blacken her character by writing to various parties in this city and elsewhere, asking them to search the houses of ill-fame, as he wanted evidence to get a divorce. When she left home she had a well-filled trunk, some fine jewelry and \$500 in money. I started after her, visited great many places, and traveled over 5,000 miles without finding her, until a few days ago. Then, in answer to an advertisement, she came here from St. Louis, where she had been living with a family. She had spent all her money, but still had her clothing and jewelry. This partly contradicts the story that Harris had robbed her. The trouble is Harris was never with her. He left San Antonio January 25, while she did not leave until February. She may have met him in St. Louis, but if so, accidentally. Harris and she became acquainted while he was a boarder at Smith's, and during the erection of a new livery barn, which Harris superintended.

"As soon as she arrived, I put her on the train and sent her home with instructions to take possession of her property, but to raise no objections to Smith's getting a divorce, to control her temper, and not resort to the police, as I fear she may do in her anger at Smith's conduct." Mr. Maule here exhibited the following letters from his daughter, which show that his fears are not without foundation. Under date of August 24 she says: "I arrived in San Antonio safe and sound. I am at home, but have not settled yet. I do not know how it will come out yet. They can't scare me worth a cent. I offered to take the house and lot and settle it, but he does not want to do it. He tried to make me leave, but Mattie can't be driven. I hold the fort. My rights can't be denied by anyone."

The next day she says: "Well, Smith tried every way he could to make me leave, but could not, so he handled up and left himself. He thinks he will starve me out. He took everything out of the house except what was in my bed room, and he tried to take that, but I told him if he came in that door he would not go out alive, so he thought he had better not try it on."

The *Chronicle* reporter adds: "Mr. Maule thinks Smith's object in securing a divorce is solely to get the property from his wife, and he promises some interesting history at the forthcoming trial. Mr. Maule is President of the San Antonio Literary club, and a member of the Baptist church. His daughter is but 28. The report that she had her children with her was untrue. She has but four, and they have been with their father all the time."

The *Litiner* has with no prejudice any case that is only justice, and as it has given publication to Mr. Smith's statement it gives equal publicity to the statement of Mr. Maule in defense of his daughter, Mrs. Smith. It is, however, clear that either Mr. Maule or the reporter is somewhat mixed. Letters from Harris to Mr. Smith, which the *Litiner* has seen, show clearly an intimacy between Harris and Mrs. Smith existed in St. Louis, and, if Mr. Smith is to be believed, the charge of infidelity against her is substantiated by clear testimony. There is no literary club in the city of which Mr. Maule is President, but he is a member of the San Antonio Literary and Debating society, of which Mr. John H. Copeland is President. The statement as to the way in which the unhappy pair separated is contradicted, not only by Mr. Smith but by Mrs. Smith's letters to her husband. There may be much said pro and con on both sides, and the affair cannot be well sifted until it comes into court and the evidence is impartially dealt with upon its merits.

### THE LIGHT COMPLIMENTED.

An Attractive Novelty to be Presented to the Volkfest Visitors.

The *LIGHT* has received the September number of the *Safe Drummer*, a monthly paper for the home and office, and finds that it is a useful and interesting paper. In an editorial note it compliments the publishers by saying: "The *Safe Drummer* is presented in its new form, and may, without egotism, be declared to be one of the handsomest papers in the State of Texas. It has been printed by Messrs. Gifford, Johnson & Winter, of the *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*, under the able supervision of their foreman, Mr. C. C. Johnson, and, in so, we hope, as acceptable to our readers as it is creditable to that enterprising firm." The next number will be issued as the "Merchant and Manufacturer," and several new features will be introduced to improve the paper. The October number will be the "Volkfest number," and will be issued about the 25th instant to circulate in the outside cities

prior to that festival. It will contain the amended Volkfest programme, a visitors' guide to the city, a write-up of the business houses, and other matters of local interest. Ten thousand copies of that issue will be published, and it will be an excellent medium for advertisement. Mr. Henry Ryker-Taylor, of the *LIGHT*, will then take editorial charge, but his duties will in no way interfere with his connection with this paper.

### THE BOERNE STAGE ACCIDENT.

How Jim Conley Received the Injuries from Which He Died.

The following are the correct details of the accident to the *Boerne* mail stage: The stage reached Leon Springs all right, Mr. James Conley driving, and Mr. Feherbach on the seat with him. About 150 yards from Leon Springs station the road forks right and left, the left being the regular stage road. A refractory horse in the lead attempted to take the right hand road, when Mr. Conley reined the team to the left, but was unable to control them. They ran at headlong speed till they struck the corner of Mr. Max Auer's stone fence, upsetting the stage. Mr. Feherbach fell to the right, striking his head, and is seriously, but not fatally injured. Mr. Conley fell to the left, and holding to the reins, was dragged about 30 feet, coming in contact with the stone fence, and receiving severe injuries to his eyes, ears, head and spine, and a double fracture of the collar bone. From the shock Mr. Conley was unconscious the whole evening and night, the whole right half of his body being paralyzed. After dragging the stage some distance it became uncontrolled, and the horses ran away with the two front wheels. The horses were captured and the harness and wheels recovered.

Later news show that poor Jim Conley died Saturday from injuries he received. He was one of the best known stage drivers in Texas, and was much respected. Mr. Feherbach is doing well.

### DEALING WITH THIEVES.

Gov. Hatcher Bound on \$1000 Bond for Assault With Intent to Kill.

In the District court on Saturday a divorce was granted to a colored man named Watson on the ground that his wife had absented herself for five years without just cause.

Gov. Hatcher was placed under a \$1000 bond to answer the charge of assaulting with intent to kill two Mexican women named Cipriana Davila and Fabia Garcia, at Powder House hill. His brother-in-law, Mr. George Schneider, was his surety.

With a view to dealing with the prisoners in jail, the following prisoners were assigned who were prepared to plead guilty to the charges preferred against them:

William Johnson, the colored boy who stole a pocket full of knives from Snuck's store, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. When asked why he committed the theft he simply answered that "he just took 'em."

Frank White, rejoicing in the alias of Taylor, Ed Hunt and Bartolo Gonzalez, pleaded guilty to petty larceny and were ordered to work for the county for the period of three months.

Jesus Munoz was called to answer the charge of appropriating a wagon street, on which he stated that he had purchased it, but could not prove it, he would therefore plead guilty. This plea was practically one of not guilty, and he was therefore sent to jail to await trial.

The District court opened this morning at the usual time, when all the cases set for today were continued, and the court adjourned.

### CUT THOSE WEEDS.

The Danger That Ladies and Children Incure in Passing Through Newton's Alley.

Newton's alley was at one time, in rainy weather, a slough of despond, and none, even scholars at the public school thereon, could pass down it without getting ankle-deep in mud. Some time ago a plank sidewalk was put down, which was a great convenience, but thorny weeds have overgrown it, making it awkward to pass the sidewalk in dry weather. In wet weather the dust that congregates thereon becomes mud, and ladies who are compelled to pass down the sidewalk to avoid the mud do so at the risk of having their dresses muddied by the weeds. Several ladies had their white dresses awfully matted last week from this cause alone. The weeds were cut last year by residents, and now the city authorities should certainly see that the weeds are cut down and the sidewalk made so that ladies and children can pass it without danger to their clothing.

### The Officers Arrived.

The following officers of the Grand Council Legion of Honor are in the city: Grand Commander K. E. Burke, Vice Grand Commander E. E. Winn, Grand Treasurer E. B. Paxton and Grand Secretary F. H. Harley. They are quartered at the Hotel Maverick.

### How He Recovered the Team.

Mr. Connor and Mr. Hawks, the lightning rod men, had a dispute about a horse, and Mr. Connor, acting under the advice of his lawyer, Mr. Carr, made upon his expert statement, went to Plaisance to seize Hawks' team, which was there. Mr. Hawks told his story to Mr. Carr, and that gentleman telegraphed to Mr. Connor not to make the seizure. When the message arrived it was too late, for Mr. Connor was already on the way with Mr. Hawks' team. But Mr. Hawks was equal to the emergency. He met Mr. Connor by the way and lucrily took possession of his own property. So Mr. Connor had his journey for nothing.

### TELEGRAPHIC.

New Postal Notes Impracticable—Damaging Frosts in the Northwest—Northern Pacific Road Completed.

Great Damage by Hail to Western Texas.—Frost at Pensacola—France and China Affairs Unsettled.

HAVANA, September 8.—Eighteen deaths occurred here from yellow fever during the past week. The city of Santiago de Cuba was visited by a cyclone last night.

THE HADLEY, September 8.—It is officially announced that the passage of the strait of Sundra is now clear; the only physical change being between Wakoto and Soko.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 8.—The City of New York arrived this morning from Australia. She brought \$500,000 English gold, consigned here from the colonies.

LITTLE ROCK, September 8.—Judge Edwin Hancock, of Texas, formerly an editor and Republican politician, has been declared insane and ordered sent to the asylum at this place.

STOCK CITY, IOWA, September 8.—A heavy frost fell in this section last night. In some places corn was injured, but the general damage to crops is slight. The weather is clear and cool to-day.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 8.—A report from St. Louis county says the frost last night destroyed the entire corn crop in that county, with the exception of two fields. To-night it is clear and will cause further damage.

GOLD STRIKE, September 8.—The ceremony of driving the gold spike, which signified the completion of the Northern Pacific railway, was observed at precisely 3:20 p. m., and the plaudits of a great multitude and the booming of cannon.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 8.—The new iron clad, double turreted monitor *Monomack*, being built at Kelleys, will be launched September 18. General Sherman left this morning for Los Angeles. He was accompanied at different points on his way down.

LONDON, September 8.—The *Daily News* says that in view of the enormous preponderance of the trade of England, Germany, and even of Austria, over that of France, the neutral powers would be fully justified in offering their friendly services to France and China.

MILWAUKEE, September 8.—A River Falls, Eau Claire county, Wisconsin, dispatch says: A black frost put in an appearance last night, killing the entire sorghum crop and other peaching crops, including corn, which was injured. Oats and wheat are doing fairly well.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 8.—Fourteen Mormon priests, led by Parson Palmer, of Salt Lake City, have held a meeting in this city for the purpose of obtaining converts. They have been proselyting three months in Minnesota, and secured ten converts, one being a woman.

EL PASO, September 8.—A special to the *El Paso Times* says that Mexican troops are marching from Acapulco, Y. Janos to reinforce Major Orskan, at Casa Grande. Messengers have been sent to Elmer to hurry up the reinforcements. Great commutation prevails at Cortatiles.

ST. LOUIS, September 8.—A Page City, Missouri, special says that a colored mob attacked Constable Knuts and his deputy, who had charge of a colored man, Mingo, who stabbed Whitten, and getting Mingo away from the officers, cut and stabbed him six times and left him for dead. He was brought to Jefferson and is now in jail, with some chances of recovery.

PARIS, September 8.—A member of the Chinese Embassy states that nothing in the nature of a treaty between France and China is yet agreed upon. China submitted her proposals and now awaits counter proposals from France. China demands the extradition of Anson exactly as heretofore. The idea of merely an honorary suzerainty will not be entertained. This will be the key-note to all negotiations. Marquis Tseng leaves for London Sunday, and will not return until he receives the proposed treaty.

BOSTON, September 8.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the American Rapid Telegraph company is called for September 12, to ratify the contract between this company and the Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph company for the extension of the Rapid's lines and to authorize 6 per cent. gold mortgage bonds for \$3,000,000, in accordance with that contract. It is understood that the Merchants' company will furnish \$1,000,000, necessary for the extension of the Rapid company's lines, and that the whole will be bonded for \$2,000,000 and bonds issued in exchange for the Rapid company's stock.

CHICAGO, September 8.—From an action by local banks, and a number of complaints filed at the postoffice, it appears that the postal notes, issued to the public last Monday, are already demanded a failure in this city. A great many began to arrive here within a day or two after the first issue, sent in lieu of drafts for the amounts, and they were at once deposited the same as checks or drafts. The numberless mistakes made by the postmasters in sending them caused the banks to refuse to accept them, and this action is deemed tantamount to destroying their usefulness. The postoffice officials also declare that handling postal notes and the work of rectifying the errors has entailed an unusual amount of additional labor.

WASHINGTON, September 8.—The following telegram was received from Postmaster Humphreys, at Pensacola: "A malignant type of the disease exists at the Navy yard, and is growing worse. The Board of Health has decided that the mail from that point must be taken out and fumigated. I am unwilling to assume the responsibility." The following answer was returned: "Regulations of the Board of Health, legally established, shall be complied with by all persons in any manner connected with the department, unless such regulations violate the United States statutes, postal laws or regulations. It is the desire of the department to aid rather than hinder Boards of Health."

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, September 8.—A poor's special says the damage done by rain and high water to this section was much

greater than reported yesterday. All the beds of creeks west of here, which have been dry during the entire summer, suddenly became raging streams, the water ranging from 20 to 40 feet deep and spreading across the country, washing everything before it. Horses, cattle and sheep were seen floating down the currents by hundreds. Windmills and outbuildings were also taken away. The loss in stock cannot now be estimated, as nearly the entire west is flooded. The Texas and Mexican railway lost over 11 bridges and culverts and several miles of track within a width of 60 miles. Telegrams received to-day from Pensacola, two miles west of here, state that the situation is very bad. On one section east of Pens. five bridges and a mile and a half of road bed and track were gone, while at Realitas the situation is much worse.

### SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENT.

New County Lunatics Are to Be Sent to the State Asylum.

County Judge Mason has returned from Austin, where he has been to have an interview with the Superintendent of the State asylum, in order to urge the claims for the admission of her lunatics into the asylum. His visit has been a success, and it is arranged that the asylum shall receive three new lunatics, and that six others shall be received there in exchange for six harmless lunatics, to be returned to the city. The names of the lunatics it is proposed to return, and the date of their admission, are as follows: Louis Blanche, 1861; H. C. Willa, 1862; Johanna Hiversdorf, 1863; Jeff Hall, 1864; W. S. Sully, 1870; Annie Shiek, 1880. It is understood that the County Commissioners will endorse this arrangement.

### THE EAKHART CASE.

Two Attorneys Enforce Their Argument by Threatening to Resort to Juries.

Late on Saturday evening the jury in the case of Eakhart and wife vs. Edward Steves returned a sealed verdict. During the progress of the argument Mr. John R. Shook and Mr. Leo Tarleton, two opposing counsel, had a severe altercation, and offensive and defensive hands were raised against each other, but the prompt intervention of Deputy Sheriff Samuels and his threat to arrest both the quarrelers prevented what might have been not only contempt of court but a serious breach of the peace.

### All About a Demijohn.

Adeline Demigh was going home in her wagon, she having just come in to town from the country to sell some butter and eggs. On her way out she stopped at a saloon to buy some beer for her little boy who was sick. She took her demijohn into the bar and asked for two quarts. A quarrel ensued as to whether there were two quarts in the demijohn, and a few blows were given. The woman is known to have a good character and the Recorder dismissed the case.

### Inconvenience.

The city authorities are very properly ordering the building of sidewalks all over the city, but, strange to say, they have omitted to order one to be built around Travis park, of which they are the owners. On the east side, especially, there is no distinction whatever between the road and sidewalk, and vehicles drive with impunity over that part of the ground that should be a sidewalk, thus endangering the life of any pedestrian who may be walking thereon. It may be added that the sidewalks in the vicinity are in a wretched condition and are a great inconvenience to the citizens who attend either of the three churches that are located on the square.

### Cute Thieves.

Yesterday a Mexican came up on the east-bound train, in the same car with him were two colored men. The Mexican showed his colored companions a five-dollar gold piece and two copper cents, on this they determined to rob him. His hat and valise were on his seat beside him, and when the train pulled into the depot one of the conspirators seized his hat and rushed off to the other end of the car, the Mexican after him. The forgeres escaped, and when the infuriated Mexican returned to his seat he found the other colored man and his valise gone, inside the valise were twenty dollars and all his clothes. The thieves were not caught.

### Father Dead, Daughter Orphan.

Fred Mesch is dead. His honorable and useful life has had a sudden end. He worked hard for the St. John Lutheran church, and was busy on Thursday in fixing Turner hall for the fair. He got overheated, went home and bathed his wounded leg in cold water. Soon after the leg swelled, lock jaw ensued, and on Saturday he died. His remains have been respectfully interred, and were followed by his relatives and many friends. The deceased leaves a widow and several children, one of whom, the admired Miss Bertha Mesch, is so seriously ill that it is feared that death will soon, for a second time, visit this afflicted household.

### Recorder's Court.

Jake Richards, having a nuisance, continued; Charles Phillips, insolvent language, continued; Jerusalem I. vagrancy, \$5; Jerusalem 2, vagrancy, \$5; Henry Phillips, vagrancy, \$5; E. Williams, drunk and down, \$3; C. S. Sledge, drunk and down, \$5; H. Brown, carrying a pistol, \$25; W. F. M. Comb, vagrancy, continued; John Wesley, vagrancy, \$10 or 15 days; Oscar Reetz, vagrancy, \$10 or 15 days; A. Zimmerman, drunk, \$5; J. Thompson, drunk and disorderly, \$5; Thomas Brown, drunk and down, \$5; T. Sherman, drunk and down, \$5; F. Bowen, drunk and down, \$5; Juan Garcia, beating and striking, dismissed; W. H. Realey, vagrancy, continued; Flak, drunk and disorderly, continued; Charles Allen, carrying \$5; Antonio Comales, drunk, \$5; Pedro Robles, drunk, \$5.